

Civil Affairs, Iraqi Police Working Together



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Maj. Terry Robey, team chief, Civil Affairs A-Team, 489th Civil Affairs Battalion, 2-7 Cavalry, 39th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, reviews a map detailing the area of responsibility for the Al-Mushada police station. Robey visited two of the four police stations within 2-7 Cav's area of operations to assess equipment shortages and other problems of the facility.

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TAJI, Iraq – Imagine being charged with a crime, locked up and practically having the key thrown away. There would be no speedy trial, no fair and impartial jury and no chance of talking to a lawyer. That's what most Iraqis faced after being arrested, but Soldiers of the 489th Civil Affairs Battalion, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, are working to bring fairness and efficiency to the Iraqi people through their police.

Maj. Terry Robey, civil affairs team chief for 489th CA said the problem is an effect of the current governance and adjudication system in Iraq.

"Here in Iraq, most civil and criminal issues are

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Soccer Match Combines Forces:

Iraqi Police Kick 'Enforcers' to the Curb

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BAGHDAD, Iraq—Soldiers from the 759th Military Police Battalion met with the Baghdad Headquarters Traffic Police to kick around more than ideas. The Soldiers and the Iraqi traffic police squared off in a soccer match at Camp Cuervo on April 30. The game was sponsored by the 759th MP Bn., under the direction of Capt. Joseph Squizzero, Iraqi Police Service coordinator for the 759th MP Bn..

"The idea for the soccer match belongs to, not only our predecessors, but the traffic police who thought it would be a good way to foster teamwork and to give everyone involved a chance to put our work aside for just a little while and get to



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The Iraqi Traffic Police players try to retain their lead by blocking the Enforcers' attempt to score another goal. The Enforcers lost by a score of 6-3.

know each other on a personal level," Squizzero said.

Squizzero said his Soldiers thought long and hard before choosing a soccer match.

"The Iraqis didn't know much about football, basketball or baseball, so we decided on a soccer match because that's their national sport," Squizzero said.

Putting the game together wasn't that easy, and Squizzero said that most of the work was done by Spc. Shakira Fry, a liaison specialist for the battal-

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ion. Fry said the match took her two months to plan.

"I didn't know anything about soccer when I first started looking into what it would take to get this event started, so I started looking on the Internet and asking around until I got the information I needed on how to put this game together," Fry said.

"I had to find out everything about the game, find Soldiers from our units who were interested in playing [and] coordinate a time to play that

wouldn't interfere with missions," Fry said. "There were also uniforms to be made and refreshments to line up."

The 759th MP's, Enforcers wore yellow jerseys and the Iraqi Traffic Police wore green as they sprinted up and down the field.

At the end of the first half the Enforcers were down 3 to 1. The Iraqis got the lead and kept it throughout the game. Despite the cheers and enthusiasm of their fellow teammates the Enforcers were beat by the

Iraqi Traffic Police, 6-3.

"Our strategy was to focus on our stamina and strength," Squizzero said. "I think the second half of the game went pretty well, as a result, we scored two more goals. However, we soon realized that things weren't working out in our favor so we gathered the team together and decided to put the best competitive players we had out there."

Squizzero said that although all his players did a great job the most valuable player was Spc. Jason Trotman of Charlie Company, 759th MP, who scored two of their three goals.

Sgt. Kara Hines, of Headquarters Detachment, 759th MP Bn., said although her team lost, she enjoyed being able to kick around the ball with the Iraqis.

"I would love to play this every week," she said. "It's good for cohesion with the Iraqis and good competition."

At the end of the game, the Iraqi traffic police were presented with certificates and a soccer ball inscribed with the names and jersey numbers of the players from the 759th MP Bn.

"After the game I talked to the Soldiers and they said that they loved it even though they lost," Fry said. "That's what made preparing for the event worth every drop of sweat and every moment of frustration."



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Sgt. Kara Hines, HHD, 759th MP Bn., knocks the ball toward her teammates in an effort to score another goal. Hines a Spokane, Wash. native said she would like to kick around the idea of having a weekly match.

Today in History

May 4

► From historychannel.com

1847 Jack Slade joins the Army
1929 Audrey Hepburn born
1948 Norman Mailer's first novel, *The Naked and the Dead*, is published
1959 First Grammys announced (Best Male Vocalist - Perry Como, Best Female vocalist - Ella Fitzgerald, Best Album - Henry Mancini for *The Music from Peter Gunn*, Best Record - *Volare* by Domenico Modugno)
1970 Four students killed at Kent State (Ohio)
1975 The Three Stooges' Moe (Howard) dies
1979 Margaret Thatcher, leader of the Conservative Party, is sworn in as Britain's first female prime minister
1980 Communist leader of Yugoslavia, Josip Broz Tito, dies

Today in Cav History

1966 - Operation DAVY CROCKETT begins.

1968 - 1LT Douglas B. Fournet, B-1/7th Cavalry earns the Medal of Honor.



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CA Helps Assess Functionality of Iraqi Police, Legal System

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resolved on a tribal level," Robey said. "They're not handled on a law enforcement level or with civil adjudication. What this makes for is a system where citizens don't come to the IPs to report terrorists, criminals or other individuals who adversely affect society."

Robey said that even when individuals are brought in to the station they are not being fairly tried.

"When these individuals are brought to the IPS [Iraqi Police Service], if they get to see a judge at all, many judges default back to the tribal system of law potentially making the IPs not as effective as they

could be," Robey said.

Robey said, if judges default back to tribal law, citizens are less likely to involve the IPS in future legal proceedings. Instead they would take their grievances directly to tribal leaders, bypassing the IPS and civil adjudication systems all together, causing a less effective system with IPs who are merely figure heads.

In an effort to better understand how the current system was established, Robey and his Soldiers visited two out of four police stations in their area. They also spoke to detainees in the facilities. He asked about the length of their incarceration, what laws they had violat-

ed and if they were being treated humanely. One detainee said that he has been locked up for five months and 10 days for fighting and has not been before a judge yet. When asked whether he had spoken with a lawyer, a mocking laugh erupted from him.

"Lawyer? I have no money for a lawyer!" said an interrupter, translating for the detainee.

In addition to the failing governance system, the IPS is using old equipment and working out of buildings that lack proper facilities to hold prisoners. In an attempt to better provide for the Iraqi Police the Soldiers documented ineffi-

ciencies within their stations.

"This is part of an ongoing effort in AO Ghost (2-7 Cav.'s area) to access the public safety department and their capabilities," Robey said. "In order to see if they are functioning efficiently with equipment shortages they have, and how we can bring in outside help from other agencies or international agencies and raise awareness to the [Coalition Provisional Authority] about the functionality of their law enforcement department."

Using a survey developed by the team, Iraqi police answered questions about ammunition, officer retention, administrative systems, and other basic functions. Robey and his team walked through the station analyzing the inside and outside of the building noting the deficiencies.

The outside of the building lacks security and stability; and inside, proper electricity, telephones and a secure detention center are needed. Everything is noted as the Soldiers finish their report.

The ultimate goal of the Soldiers' work is to give the Iraqi Police complete functional independence.

"We have to develop the relationships between civil administrators in the Neighborhood Area Councils, the District Area Councils, the police force and the community they serve," Robey said. "None of this is quick or easy, but with lots of work, we'll get there."



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Sgt. John Hultquist, Civil Affairs A-Team, 489th Civil Affairs Battalion, 2-7 Cavalry, 39th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, works with the commander of the Al-Mushada police station to complete a survey developed by the Civil Affairs teams. The survey is used to note shortage in equipment and process discovered while visiting the facility.

Tuesday

High: 92 Low: 69



Wednesday

High: 89 Low: 63



Thursday

High: 94 Low: 63



FIRST TEAM

T-Wolves' Garnett Achieves Dream

► From Associated Press

The Timberwolves' Kevin Garnett won his first Most Valuable Player award Monday, beating out Tim Duncan of San Antonio and Jermaine O'Neal of Indiana,

the NBA announced.

Garnett, 27, got 1,219 points, including 120 of 123 possible first-place votes, in balloting by the Pro Basketball Writer's Association. Duncan, who won the award the past two years, got 716 votes while O'Neal was third with 523.

Garnett led Minnesota to a 58-24 record and the top seed in the West while averaging 24.2 points and led the league with 13.9 rebounds. He also joined Larry Bird as the only players to average at least 20 points, 10 rebounds and five assists for five consecutive years.

Minnesota coach Flip Saunders said Monday Garnett has wanted to win the award since the team drafted him out of high school in 1995.

"When he came in the league nine years ago the No. 1 thing he said to myself and (team vice president) Kevin McHale is he wanted to be the best player in the league," Saunders said.



Associated Press

Keith Primeau scores his second of three goals Sunday against the Maple Leafs. The Philadelphia Flyers lead the playoff series 3-2.

Red Wings' Captain Injured

► From Associated Press

DETROIT — Detroit captain Steve Yzerman is out indefinitely after undergoing 4½ hours of surgery for a scratched cornea and broken bone just below his left eye.

Yzerman is expected to make a full recovery, the Red Wings said in a statement Sunday, adding that he will be unavailable to comment for a week.

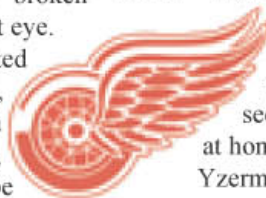
Yzerman was hurt when he was hit in the face with a puck during Detroit's 1-0 loss to Calgary in Game 5 on Saturday night. The Red Wings fell

behind 1-0 shortly after he was injured, and that was the only goal of the game. Yzerman needed help getting off the ice.

Calgary leads the best-of-seven Western Conference semifinal series 3-2 and can eliminate the top-seeded Red Wings at home Monday night.

Yzerman, who will turn 39 on May 9, experienced blurred vision in his eye, but that improved after the surgery on his orbital bone.

In regular-season games, he's the sixth-leading scorer in NHL history.



Getty Images

ICING ON THE CAKE—Minnesota Timberwolves' power forward Kevin Garnett took the NBA's top honor two days after leading his team into the second round of the playoffs for the first time.

TV GUIDE	AFN ATLANTIC	AFN PACIFIC	AFN Sports	AFN Spectrum
18:00	Lizzie McGuire/ All That!	The Tonight Show with Jay Leno/ The Late Show with David Letterman	NBA Fastbreak/ Totally NASCAR	From the Far East to the Old West/ Ebert & Roeper at the Movies
19:00	Jeopardy/ Headline News	Access Hollywood 19:45	SPORTSCENTER	The Wild Thornberrys/ The Fairly Oddparents
20:00	ESPNNews/ Headline News	Primal Fear 20:15	ESPNNews/ Baseball Tonight 20:20	The Simpsons/ The Cosby Show
21:00	7th Heaven	IceMan 21:45	NASCAR Nextel Cup Series - Auto Club 500	American Idol: The Final Five
22:00	Star Trek: Nemesis	To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday 22:15/		The Practice

Scores MLB



AMERICAN LEAGUE

Cleveland 2
Boston 1

Chicago 5
Baltimore 4

Kansas City 3 (10 innings)
Toronto 2

Texas 9
Tampa Bay 0

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago 7
St. Louis 3

Cincinnati 7
Houston 5